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U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICEREQUEST  
FORCONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTALSubsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 09/146,839

Filing Date September 3, 1998 #20/PC

First Named Inventor Anand Srinivasan 2/2/02

Group Art Unit 2814

Examiner Name A. Mai

Attorney Docket Number MI22-1017

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other Request for Extension of Time, Return Receipt Postcard

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